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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY
BACTERIAL AND BACTERIAL

ASSOCIATED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND

USES THEREOF ·

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

Amendment to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response. Remarks being at page 3 of this response.